

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

ROBERT KOVAL,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BOTTLING GROUP, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:11-cv-01977-KJD-PAL

ORDER

(Mtn to Withdraw - Dkt. #15)

This matter is before the court on the Motion to Withdraw as Counsel of Record (Dkt. #15) filed January 26, 2011. Jerome R. Bowen and Sarah M. Banda seek to withdraw as counsel of record for Plaintiff Robert Koval. The Motion represents that Bowen Law Offices no longer handles cases of this type, and Mr. Koval was advised of counsel's intention to withdraw. Additionally, Mr. Bowen has five trials scheduled between January and March 2012. There is a pending Motion to Dismiss (Dkt. #8), but counsel states that defense counsel "has granted an open extension to respond to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss until a decision has been reached on this motion." Affidavit of Jerome R. Bowen at ¶ 5. Local Rule IA 10-6 provides that "no withdrawal . . . shall be approved if delay of discovery, the trial or any hearing in the case would result." This case was removed to this court on December 9, 2011. There is a Motion to Dismiss (Dkt. #8) pending for which a response was due January 9, 2012. Defendant's Response (Dkt. #11) states that counsel would provide Plaintiff a reasonable, but not indefinite, extension of time to obtain new counsel and respond to the Motion to Dismiss.

Having reviewed and considered the matter, and for good cause shown,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Motion to Withdraw (Dkt. #15) is GRANTED.

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